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Applicant : Thomas Mueller Art Unit : 2858
Serial No. : 10/526,097 Examiner : Anjan K. Deb
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Title : CALIBRATING A LIGHT-SENSITIVE CHIP (AS AMENDED)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed. Copies of any listed U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications can be provided upon request.

A copy of a German examination report from the corresponding German application is cited herein. The prior art cited in this examination report is already of record in this application. According to German counsel:

2004. The Office Action presents eight documents. The features of the claims 1, 4, 8 and 10 of the German patent application are comparable to the features of the claims 1, 4, 8 and 10 of the US patent application. According to the Examiner, claim 1 of the German patent application would not include an inventive step over a combination of the documents DS(1), DE 2904984 C3, DS(2), JP 09045744 A, and DS(3), DE 19962938 A1. According to the Examiner's opinion regarding claim 4, it is common knowledge of a person skilled in the art to choose a distance between two measurement wavelengths so that the form of the curve can be clearly reconstructed. In particular, the person skilled in the art also knows that the Nyquist-theorem has to be considered at signals with a waveform. Independent claim 8 would not include an inventive step over a combination of the documents DS(2) and DS(5), JP 02105078 A. According to the German Patent and Trademark Office, independent claim 10 would not comprise an inventive step over a combination of DS(2) and DS(5).

Finally, Applicants are submitting herewith a printout of an IEEE Internet page showing the publication date of 1999 for the Perry reference submitted in the IDS filed on January 19,

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2007.¹ Consideration of the Perry reference, a copy of which was already submitted, is respectfully requested.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. Please charge the fee required for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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¹ Perry R. J. "Analysis and Characterization of the Spectral Response of CMOS based Integrated Circuit (IC) Photodetectors" Proceedings of the Thirteenth Biennial University/Government/Industry Microelectronics Symposium; pp 170-175